Supply of PFAD in drums to small scale units by STC.

296. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated the 28th September, 1989 has been received from Tamil Nadu Small Scale Soap and Detergent Manufacturers' Association, Madras protesting against change in the policy of STC in respect of supply of Poily Fatty Acid Derivatives in drums which will cause untold hardships to the small scale units; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to review the policy and save the small scale units from severe inconvenience?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view toconserve foreign exchange, the Government had during the year 1987-88 decided to gradually increase the import of PFAD in bulk as it is cheaper than importing in drums.

Cloure of Raigarh Jute Mill

2974. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Raigarh Jute Mill is closed since 26th June, 1989 rendering 1500 workers jobless; and

(b) whether representations have been received from the workers for Government intervention to reopen the mill; if so, what are the details of action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES, WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Raigarh Jute Mill which was closed down on 26th June 1989 has reopened with effect from 14th September, 1989.

Non-plan expenditure gap payable to Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir

298. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1988-89 the non-plan expenditure gap was about rupees 1.22 crores which is payable to the State of Jammu and Kashmir but the same has not been released; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) In 1988-89 as against the initially approved Central assistance of Rs. 516.52 crires, including Rs.66.52 crores for covering gap in non-plan expenditure, the amount actually released was Rs. 521.97 crores, including Rs. 81.81 crores for covering non-plan expenditure. No further assistance is due to the State Government for 1988-89.

Waiving of loans to Government servants

299. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to waive the loans of Government servants as proposed to be done in the case farmers;

(b) whether it is a fact that as per a recent survey conducted by the Department of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions through the Welfare Officers it was found that most of the Government servants were under debt one way or the other; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such survey was conducted by the Department of Personnel and Training.

(c) Does not arise.